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✓ 13 MAY 1961

Mr. Ely I. Bergmann  
Chairman  
Mexican Chamber of Commerce  
222 International Building  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Bergmann:

✓ Thank you very much for your letter of 26 April.

It is heartening to note your awareness of the threat which international communism poses in the Western Hemisphere. Recognition of the challenge is the first important step toward framing a response which will restore freedom where it has been lost.

We believe everyone in this country has a responsibility to defend freedom against the inroads of Communism. It is thoughtful of you to write me about this.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

As you will recall, when you signed the letter at Tab A to Mr. Ely Bergmann, you asked that it be shown to General Cabell for concurrence prior to dispatch -- your feeling was that General Cabell may feel the letter should be "beefed up" a bit.

Attached for your signature is a rewrite suggested by General Cabell.

*[Signature]*  
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